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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, DR

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH BEFORE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FROM AMBASSADOR

- 1. IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY HERE FOR THE US AMBASSADOR, AS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO GIVE A SPEECH BEFORE THE GROUP. THE CHAMBER HERE IS QUITE ACATIVE, CONSISTING OF SEVERAL HUNDRED BUSINESSMEN BOTH AMERICAN AND DOMINICANS WHO REPRESENT OR HAVE TIES WITH U.S. FIRMS.
- 2. IN THIS SMALL COUNTRY, PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR ARE ESPECIALLY PERUSED BY FRIEND AND CRITIC ALIKE FOR SIGNALS OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND FOR SIGNS OF FAVORITISM TOWARD ONE OR ANOTHER POLITICAL CANDIDATE IN THIS HIGHLY POLITICIZED SITUATION. WITH THIS IN MIND, IT SEEMED PRUDENT TO AVOID GIVING A SPEECH DURING THE ELECTORAL PERIOD (JAN TO MAY 16) AND TO SELECT A TOPIC IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD AS BEING APPROPRIATE FOR THE AUDIENCE. IT ALSO APPEARED DESIRABLE TO KEEP THE SPEECH AT A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL OF GENERALIZATION AS TO AVOID CRITICISM OF HAVING INTERFERED IN DOMINICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
- 3. THE NEXT FOLLOWING CABLE CONTAINS THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE SPEECH I PROPOSE TO GIVE NOV 20 AT THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CHAMBER. AS IS TRADITIONAL, THE SPEECH IS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO

SPANISH AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC MEDIA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT'S CLEARANCE OF THE TEXT OR SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15. HURWITCH

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